

REMARKS

In this paper, claims 10, 12 and 44 are currently amended, claims 15, 25 and 49 are canceled, and claim 50 has been added. After entry of the above amendment, claims 10, 12-14, 16-19, 22-24 26-48 and 50 are pending, and claims 1-9, 11, 15, 20-21, 25 and 49 have been canceled.

The applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 16, 17, 19, 26-28, 30-43, 47 and 48.

Claims 10, 12-15, 18, 22-25, 29 and 44-46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Pei, et al (US 6,257,533). This basis for rejection is respectfully traversed.

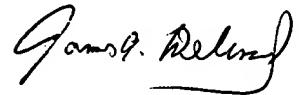
Independent claims 10, 12 and 44 have been amended to clarify that the rear frame mounting bracket portion includes an axle opening therein for receiving a bicycle rear wheel axle therein. Also, the motor mounting bracket portion, the transition bracket portion, the rear frame mounting bracket portion and the bell crank mounting member (claim 10) or first mounting ear (claims 12 and 44) are dimensioned and positioned relative to each other such that, when the bracket is mounted to the bicycle, the rear wheel axle extends into the axle opening, the transition bracket portion extends forwardly along the side of the rear wheel, the motor mounting bracket portion is disposed in front of the rear frame mounting bracket portion, and the bell crank mounting member or first mounting ear extends laterally outwardly from the bicycle. The Pei, et al CPU heat sink attachment is not so dimensioned and positioned in that a wheel axle could not be received in the opening (42). Even if opening (42) were enlarged to receive an axle therein, the remaining portions of the heat sink either would project laterally into the spokes, thus rendering the bicycle impossible to ride, or else extend laterally outwardly, in which case the Pei, et al device could not be used to support a bell crank in an operable manner. Thus, Pei, et al neither disclose nor suggest the subject matter recited in the pending claims.

Accordingly, it is believed that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 has been overcome by the foregoing amendment and remarks, and it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested. Allowance of all claims is earnestly solicited.

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